state, district and taluk levels to facilitate efficient administration and speedy service to the people in all the areas of the social sector. My Government has made a conscious effort to provide basic social needs on top priority so that the deprived members of the Society can be brought on par with the rest and enabled to face the coming new era with strength and determination.

(ಈ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್‌ರವರು ಕಪ್ಪು ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರ ಕೂಗಿ ತಾವು ತಂದಿದ್ದ ತಾಳವನ್ನು ಬಾರಿಸತೊಡಗಿದರು)

I now place before the House my speech from para 4 to 64 and they may be taken as read.

4. I would like to emphasise before the Hon'ble Members that one of the major promises with which the Government came to power was to take up a massive housing programme for the benefit of the weaker sections of the society. I am happy to inform you that in the last four years, around four lakh houses have already been completed and the Government is committed to complete another one lakh houses during the year.

5. Recognising that education is the catalyst of progress, we have accorded high priority to primary and secondary education in our development programme. In pursuance of this policy two hundred and seventeen new Government high schools have been sanctioned and 28,986 primary school teachers have been appointed during this year. The number of school teachers recruited in the last 4 years stands at 72,373, an all time record. In addition to quantity we focus